

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1057 without my signature.

This bill would require that the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) be available to regularly enrolled adult education students at times and locations that are “convenient” for them. This open ended definition would likely result in programmatic and logistical difficulties for school districts associated with administering and proctoring the exam at numerous times and locations during the day, evening, and weekends. Testing “accommodations” have traditionally been reserved for students with disabilities. This bill would set an undesirable precedent of making changes to state tests simply for the convenience of students.

Furthermore, this bill would create significant test security concerns, resulting from testing outside of the classroom and at potentially non-traditional school hours. Moreover, there will likely be a need to develop a potentially large number of new test forms and test questions to ensure that the integrity of the exam is not compromised.

Given the high-stakes nature of the CAHSEE, it is important that the current reasonable and secure opportunities for students to adequately demonstrate their knowledge and ability be maintained.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger